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W.C. BLAIR TEMPORARILY CLOSING FOR MAINTENANCE WORK

Required maintenance work means the W.C. Blair Recreation Centre will temporarily close this fall, but plenty of options for fitness and fun can be found at other Township of Langley facilities.

The W.C. Blair Recreation Centre at 22200 Fraser Highway will be shut down starting Tuesday, September 12 to accommodate maintenance work being done to the pool deck, pool basin, and change rooms. Because all areas of the Centre – including the pool, fitness centre, weight and multi-purpose rooms, and front desk – will become active construction zones, the entire facility is being closed during this time for everyone's safety.

W.C. Blair is expected to reopen near the end of January, and the exact date will be announced as the maintenance work nears completion.

"We know there are people who use W.C. Blair's programs, fitness rooms, and pool daily to keep active and have fun, and recognize the closure will be an inconvenience. We truly appreciate everyone's patience while this necessary work gets done," said Community Recreation Manager Rob Stare.

He noted that extensive planning and outreach was undertaken by the Township to inform regular users of the upcoming closure and help them temporarily transition to other facilities.

"We look forward to welcoming them back to W.C. Blair when the work is complete. In the meantime, there will be no shortage of opportunities to enjoy recreation programs and activities elsewhere in the Township of Langley," Stare said.

During W.C. Blair's closure, residents are encouraged to explore other Township facilities, where extra classes and sessions have been added to the autumn schedules. Fitness and recreation programs normally held at W.C. Blair have been relocated to the Aldergrove Kinsmen and Willoughby Community Centres, Willowbrook and George Preston Recreation Centres, and the Murrayville Community Library. For full schedules, visit **tol.ca/reccalendars** or **tol.ca/fitness**.

Those looking to take aquatic classes, swimming lessons, or a dip in the pool can do so at the Walnut Grove Community Centre. For Public Swim times, aquatic fitness schedules, and lessons available, visit **tol.ca/swim**.

Weight rooms are featured at the Walnut Grove Community Centre, Willoughby Community Centre, and Willowbrook Recreation Centre, and the Little Wise Guys preschool at W.C. Blair will be temporarily relocated to the George Preston Recreation Centre for the fall.

Go Active Passes can be used at all Township recreation facilities, and calls to W.C. Blair will be re-directed to another community or recreation centre.

Residents are encouraged to visit **tol.ca/wcblair** for more information on W.C. Blair's temporary closure and the reopening date, which will be posted closer to the work's completion.

For more information, contact the Township of Langley's Parks and Recreation Division at 604.533.6170 or prinfo@tol.ca.

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